

REMARKS

This paper is submitted in response to the Notice of Not Fully Responsive Reply for Application dated March 28, 2007.

As noted, Applicants elected to prosecute Species I, Figs. 22-24. Furthermore, claims 7 and 8 read on the elected embodiment. As set forth above, claim 7 has been amended to include the features of independent claim 1. Accordingly, claim 7 is now an independent claim properly reading on the elected species.

Thus, it is submitted that a complete response is now provided including an independent claim directed to the elected species.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks, it is submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection and an indication of allowability of all pending claims are earnestly solicited.

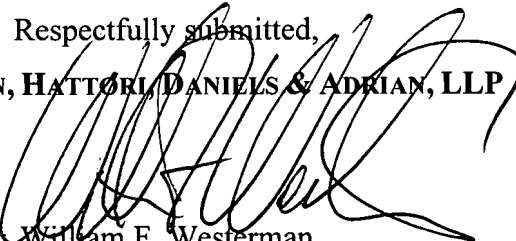
If the Examiner believes that there are issues remaining to be resolved in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite and complete prosecution of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,
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